



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 461**

LCO No. 4152



Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:  
(PD)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY MUNICIPAL  
COASTAL MANAGEMENT IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1      Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force  
2      to study the effects of authorizing municipalities, in times of  
3      emergency, to supersede decisions made by the Department of Energy  
4      and Environmental Protection concerning coastal management.
- 5      (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:
- 6      (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 7      (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
- 8      (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
9      Representatives;
- 10     (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- 11     (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
12     Representatives; and

13 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.

14 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
15 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
16 of the General Assembly.

17 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than  
18 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
19 filled by the appointing authority.

20 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
21 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force  
22 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall  
23 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held no later  
24 than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

25 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
26 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to planning  
27 and development shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

28 (g) Not later than January 1, 2014, the task force shall submit a  
29 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
30 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
31 relating to planning and development and environment, in accordance  
32 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task  
33 force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January  
34 1, 2014, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish a task force to study the effects of allowing towns to have greater discretion when handling coastal emergencies.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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